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FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM DELEGATION STATEMENTS
DELIVERED DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF 33RD SESSION:

1. EASTERN STATES, AS EXPECTED, HAVE PUSHED HARD FOR
BREZHNEV PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY CONFERENCES ON ENVIRONMENT
AND ENERGY. THEY FURTHER CRITICIZED THE QUANTITATIVE
RESTRICTIONS OF THE EC-9 AND THE LACK OF MFN AS EXAMPLES
OF WESTERN PROTECTIONISM AND OBSTACLES TO TRADE. THE
USSR AND OTHERS MADE ALLUSIONS TO THE BELGRADE MEETING
AND INDIRECTLY CRITICIZED THE WESTERN STAND THERE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY ALSO ASKED FOR GREATER COOPERATION
BETWEEN CMEA AND THE EC-9.

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2. THE SOVIET STATEMENT, DELIVERED BY NESTERENKO,
INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

IN REGARD TO ECE, THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL
ACT SHOULD BECOME ITS PRINCIPAL GUIDANCE: ITS ENTIRE
WORK MUST BE EVALUATED IN THIS CONTEXT. IT WOULD BE
PREMATURE TO THINK THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY

FULLY ADJUSTED ITSELF TO THESE CONDITIONS. IN PARTICULAR, THE COMMISSION HAS FAILED SO FAR TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE POLICY, WORK DONE BY THE SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS ON THE OVERALL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE, AND COORDINATION OF THE ENTIRE ECE WORK IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH SHOULD BE THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE SENIOR ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE IS THE DELAY IN CONVENING ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON A HIGH LEVEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT. THIS DELAY RUNS COUNTER TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT AND BESPEAKS THE COMMISSION'S INERTNESS AND HESITATION IN DEVELOPING ALL-EUROPEAN COOPERATION. ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL "EAST-WEST" COOPERATION HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE, IN OUR FIRM VIEW, THE MISSION OF THE ECE, NOT TASKS WHICH ARE ALIEN TO IT (I.E. NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES).

3. THE EC-9 STATEMENT, THOUGH URGING CONTINUATION OF STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE, EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT ENOUGH INFORMATION HAD ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED TO MAKE A POSITIVE DECISION AT THIS SESSION TO GO FORWARD WITH A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. THE NINE DID CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PERMANENT SUBSIDIARY BODY, THE SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENERGY. IN CONTRAST, NORDIC STATEMENTS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE NEED FOR A DECISION TO GO UNCLASSIFIED

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FORWARD WITH A HIGH-LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING, WITH MAJOR FOCUS ON TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION. NEUTRALS ECHOED THIS POSITION. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN STATES FOCUSED ON MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS AND URGED GREATER ECE INVOLVEMENT, AS WELL AS ECE'S PARTICIPATION IN PREPARATION OF THE CSCE VALLETTA MEETING IN JANUARY OF 1979.

4. MOST SPEAKERS MENTIONED BELGRADE AND THE CSCE PROCESS IN A POSITIVE SENSE REGARDING BASKET II, ALTHOUGH THE CANADIAN STATEMENT SUGGESTED THAT PROGRESS IN HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS AND HUMAN CONTACTS MUST GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS. ROMANIA, HOWEVER, STRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE RESULTS AT BELGRADE, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL BLOC-TO-BLOC APPROACH TO EUROPEAN PROBLEMS. IT REPEATED ITS INTEREST (SHARED BY FEW) IN INVOLVING THE ECE IN THIRD WORLD ISSUES. YUGOSLAVIA, THOUGH LESS STRONGLY, EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS ABOUT BELGRADE RESULTS, AND REPEATED ITS BELGRADE NEW PROPOSALS FOR A EUROPEAN CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN THE ECE AND A GREATER INFORMATION GATHERING ROLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

5. U.S. STATEMENT, DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR BASICALLY
ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT (STATE 77974), WAS WELL
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